



**REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE
FORMER ELLIOTT COUNTY SHERIFF**

January 1, 1998 Through November 30, 1998

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To the People of Kentucky

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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the former Sheriff of Elliott County, Kentucky, for the period January 1, 1998 through November 30, 1998. This financial statement is the responsibility of the former Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office is required to prepare its financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. This cash basis system does not require the maintenance of a general fixed asset group or general long-term debt group of accounts. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statement is not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the former Sheriff for the period January 1, 1998 through November 30, 1998, in conformity with the basis of accounting described above.

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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated September 28, 1999, on our consideration of the former Sheriff's compliance with certain laws and regulations and internal control over financial reporting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.

Auditor of Public Accounts

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September 28, 1999

ELLIOTT COUNTY
CHARLES PENNINGTON, FORMER SHERIFF
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES

January 1, 1998 Through November 30, 1998

Receipts

State Fees For Services:

Bond Refund	\$ 102	
Finance and Administration Cabinet	2,798	
Cabinet For Human Resources	<u>30</u>	\$ 2,930

Circuit Court Clerk:

Sheriff Security Service		870
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Fiscal Court		269
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County Clerk - Delinquent Taxes		3,152
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Commission On Taxes Collected		29,599
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Fees Collected For Services:

Auto Inspections	\$ 1,905	
Accident and Police Reports	37	
Serving Papers	1,850	
Mountain Rural Telephone Capital Credits	123	
Advertising Fees	642	
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon Permits	990	
Refunds	<u>56</u>	5,603

Interest Earned		616
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Borrowed Money:

Personal Loan From Sheriff		<u>1,000</u>
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Gross Receipts (Carried Forward)		\$ 44,039
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ELLIOTT COUNTY
 CHARLES PENNINGTON, FORMER SHERIFF
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES
 January 1, 1998 Through November 30, 1998
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Gross Receipts (Brought Forward)	\$	44,039
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Disbursements

Operating Disbursements:

Personnel Services-

Deputies' Gross Salaries	\$	10,000
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Employee Benefits-

Employer's Share Social Security		2,026
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Employer's Share Hazardous Duty Retirement		2,106
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Contracted Services-

Advertising		933
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Labor		75
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Materials and Supplies-

Office Materials and Supplies		90
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Uniforms		101
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Auto Expense-

Gasoline		1,488
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Vehicle Insurance		85
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Other Charges-

Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon Permits		590
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Postage		154
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Telephone		1,268
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Miscellaneous		248
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Debt Service:

Personal Loan From Sheriff		1,000
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Total Disbursements		<u>20,164</u>
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Net Receipts	\$	23,875
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Less: Statutory Maximum		<u>47,899</u>
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Balance Due at Completion of Audit	\$	<u><u>0</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statement.

ELLIOTT COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

November 30, 1998

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of receipts over disbursements to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a cash basis of accounting pursuant to KRS 68.210 as recommended by the State Local Finance Officer. Revenues and related assets are generally recognized when received rather than when earned. Certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred, including capital asset purchases. Certain other expenses are recognized when a revenue and the related asset can be associated with a corresponding liability due another governmental entity.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county officials and employees have elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a multiple-employer public retirement system that covers all eligible full-time employees. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 8.65 percent. Hazardous covered employees are required to contribute 7.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for hazardous employees was 18.69 percent.

ELLIOTT COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
November 30, 1998
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Note 2. Employee Retirement System (Continued)

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65. Aspects of benefits for hazardous employees include retirement after 20 years of service or age 55.

Historical trend information pertaining to CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is present in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report which is a matter of public record.

Note 3. Deposits

The former Sheriff maintained deposits with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to law, the depository institution should pledge sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge of or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. The Sheriff met the requirements stated above, and as of November 30, 1998, deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral held by the county official's agent in the county official's name.

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE
AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



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Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the former Elliott County Sheriff for the period January 1, 1998 through November 30, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated September 28, 1999. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the former Elliott County Sheriff's financial statement for the period January 1, 1998 through November 30, 1998, is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the former Elliott County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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This report is intended for the information of management. However, this report, upon release by the Auditor of Public Accounts, is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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